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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Linda L Gray

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4-13-04, 7-15-04, 8-13-04, and 2-14-05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 July 2004 and 13 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Detailed Action

Election/Restriction

1. Applicant's election with traverse of **claims 11-13** in the reply filed on 2-14-05 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the grounds that the explanation of the restriction concludes that the claims are directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention but then offers no justification for this conclusion. This is not found persuasive because the restriction requirement demonstrates the claims to be patentably distinct in that claims 11-13 are directed to laminating and classified in class 156, claims 14-16 is directed to extrusion molding, and claims 17-19 are directed to injection molding, with claims 14-16 and claims 17-19 being classified in different areas of class 264. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made final. **Claims 14-19** are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to because the patent number for application 10/190,388 should be added to the cross-reference section of the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. **Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the product described therein and shown in the drawings, does not reasonable provide enablement for the claimed method in claims 11-13.**

The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to practice the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Specifically, the two removing steps recited in claim 11 are not present in the specification

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(written word or drawings) in such a way as to be understandable in order to form the product shown in the drawing and described in the specification. For example, claim 11 recited placing the laminate strip on the first planar face (step 5); yet, in the specification the laminate strip is described and shown bonded to the third planar face.

Also, the laminated structure in the specification demonstrates the third planar face to be at the surface where the laminate strip and substrate meet; yet, claim 11 later recites removing a portion of the laminated structure to create this third planar face (step 6).

Also, the second removing step of claim 11 creates a fourth planar face where its location on the laminated substrate can not be determined because its position is directed related to the position of the third planar face, where the position of the third face is unclear. Also, the second removing step of claim 11 creates a fifth planar face which is not described in the specification or drawings; so, its location is unclear.

Conclusion


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linda Gray whose telephone number is (571) 272-1228. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla, can be reached at (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 21, 2005


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